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What's New?

Actually, there is quite a bit that's new at the Lake County Law Library! Arriving along with the new year and cold temps, the Law Library has welcomed new, desktop computers available for patron use, allowing us to put our former public laptop computers into the circulating collection for check-out. In addition, we are in the process of re-



placing our antiquated television with a new, flat-screen television to accompany our existing teleconferencing unit. We are also working on getting our new ELMO Projector ready for patron check-out. To accommodate this new technology, the Law Library Resources Board had to update some policies which requires new user agreements to be signed and includes fines for technology equipment that is returned late.

In addition, the end of 2014 saw a new negotiation for a 3-year contract with Thomson-Reuters for our Westlaw database holdings. The Law Library renegotiated both the Government Select and Patron Access packages. The Government Select package is for County employee-use only and requires separate passwords. Included in this package is Drafting Assistant and PeopleMap. Drafting Assistant is a big time-saver that works with Microsoft Word or Corel's Word Perfect for users to create and edit drafts, as well as check and input citations. PeopleMap is a tool that will search available public records, including social media resources. These features were added to the County plan at no additional cost.

The Patron Access module of Westlaw is available to library users inhouse. We were able to add the popular, Practical Law to this plan. Practical Law offers resources tailored to more specific areas of law and includes valuable checklists, templates, and other educational resources created by a panel of top attorneys in each field.

And lastly, we've also added West's FinPlan Divorce Planner to 2 of our library computers at no cost. FinPlan software calculates child support and alimony payments, online client worksheets, summary analysis and more.

Stop in to review our resources or just to say, "Hello!"



Sandra Murphy

WESTLAW TRAINING NEWS

Mark your calendars for **MARCH 11, 2015** a full day of training classes! We will be offering refresher classes in the Library on Westlaw Next with our new, Practical Law component, as well as classes covering the new Drafting Assistant & PeopleMap components for County users. Classes will be one-hour in length. We are working with West to offer CLE credits for attendance.

9 am	Westlaw Next & Practical Law
10:15 am	Drafting Assistant/PeopleMap
1 pm	Drafting Assistant/PeopleMap
2:15 pm	Westlaw Next & Practical Law

We've established an alternative date of March 25, 2015 in case of inclement weather. Please contact Sandy at the Law Library to sign up for any of the classes. Seating is limited, so registration is necessary.

TECHNOLOGY TIP:

What is an ELMO Projector?

Remember those old-timey overhead projectors that used transparencies? An ELMO Projector is a newer twist on that concept. The difference? It projects 3D objects and *regular* documents in order to share that information to a wider



audience such as a courtroom. It can also be used for some demonstrations. The ELMO Projector is also referred to as a document camera.

The Law Library recently acquired an ELMO Projector. We are currently preparing it for our circulating technology collection. When it is made available, licensed attorneys and some government officials will be able to check-out the ELMO for periods of one -week with a one-week renewal if no one is waiting.

USED BOOK SALE TITLES:

We update our resource collection with new editions on a regular basis. Softbound discarded titles and CDs are only \$5.00 each. Hardbound discarded titles are \$10.00 each. Sale titles include:

- Ohio Evidence Courtroom Manual, 2014
- Criminal Procedure Checklists, Vols 1 & 2
- Ohio School Law Manual, 2012

- Ohio Traffic Law Handbook, 2014
- Search & Seizure Checklists, 2014
- Ohio Appellate Practice, 2013-2014



SERVICES

The law library shall provide legal research, reference, and library services to County and State employees, authorized legal practitioners, and their staffs. Services are as follows:

- Print library of over 1600 titles
- Laptops with Microsoft Office
- Sony digital camcorder
- Optoma media projector with screen
- DVDs, anatomical models and charts
- Portable X-Ray view box for courtroom presentations
- Reference assistance and technical training
- Wireless internet access throughout the library

- Complimentary copy of *Connexus*
- Document enlargement to various poster size along with matching frames
- Polycom VSX 7000 videoconferencing equipment with multipoint software for depositions, testimony, etc. **
- Fax service to or from your home or office **
- Photocopies **
 - ** Fees for service may be charged